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SUBJECT: INSPECTIION REPORT: THE CONDUCT OF RELATIONS WITH WEST
AFRICA

FOR AF/W AND AF/EX ONLY

REF: BISHOP -SAMUELS LETTER DATED JULY 6, 1976

1. POST OFFERS NO COMMENTS ON GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS
OF REPORT.

2. FOLLOWING ARE POST'S COMMENTS ON INSPECTOR'S MEMORANDUM:
A. INSPECTORS' MEMORANDUM NO. 29

1. THE EMBASSY WILL INITIATE ANALYTICAL REPORTING ON THE
ECONOMY, BALANCE OF PAYMENTS AND SIMILAR BASIC ECONOMIC
TOPICS AS SUFFICIENT DATA BECOMES AVAILABLE TO PERFORM
SUCH ANALYSIS. THE CENTRAL STATISTICS OFFICE IS OPERATING
ON A TIME LAG OF ALMOST ONE YEAR IN THE ACCUMULATION
AND DISTRIBUTION OF BASIC ECONOMIC STATISTICS. BECAUSE OF
THIS RECOURSE TO PRIMARY SOURCES IS NECESSARY BEFORE A
MEANINGFUL ANALYSIS CAN BE PREPARED, A TIME CONSUMING
PROCESS REQUIRING EXTENSIVE CONTACTS. THE EMBASSY
REITERATES ITS BELIEF THAT THE ASSIGNMENT OF A FULL
TIME ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL OFFICER IS NEEDED AND
JUSTIFIED.

2. THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN "ALUMNI ASSOCIATION" OF
IV GRANTEES IS UNDER CONSIDERATION. WE WILL SEE IF
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THERE IS SUFFICIENT INTEREST AMONG ENOUGH GRANTEES

TO INSURE THAT THE ASSOCIATION IS SELF-SUSTAINING,
RATHER THAN MOTIVATED SOLELY BY EMBASSY RESOURCES.

3. THE NON-EXPENDABLE PROPERTY INVENTORIES,
ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW STOCK CARDS, AND THE CERTIFICATE
OF INVENTORY ACCURACY WILL BE COMPLETED BY
SEPTEMBER.

4. THE EXPENDABLE SUPPLY INVENTORY REVIEW WILL BE
COMPLETED BY AUGUST 15. THOSE ITEMS IN EXCESS OF THE
POST'S NEEDS WILL BE OFFERED TO OTHER US AGENCIES
IN FREETOWN OR TO OTHER POSTS IN THE AREA. THOSE ITEMS
NOT REQUIRED BY OTHERS WILL BE DESTROYED OR SOLD AT
AUCTION BY SEPTEMBER 15.

5. THE EMBASSY PRESENTLY IS SEARCHING FOR ALTERNATE
QUARTERS FOR THE DCM. AF/EX WILL BE NOTIFIED IF
FUNDING IS NECESSARY.

6. RBFO ABIDJAN HAS MADE AN EXAMINATION OF THE EMBASSY
CLASS B CASHIER OPERATIONS. A CASH VERIFICATION WAS
MADE AND FOUND TO BE ACCURATE. ASSISTANCE WAS PROVIDED
IN REORGANIZING CERTAIN ROUTINES, INCLUDING
INSTRUCTING THE CASHIER AS TO SIMPLER PROCEDURES
TO REPLACE PREVIOUS TIME-CONSUMING METHODS.

7. THE EMBASSY'S SHORT TERM CASH ADVANCES FOR
BUSINESS PURPOSES NO LONGER EXCEED 30 DAYS. SHORT-
TERM CASH ADVANCE RECEIPTS MUST NOW BE RENEWED
EVERY TWO WEEKS.

8. ALL OUTSTANDING LOANS TO EMPLOYEES FOR EMERGENCY
RELIEF (FOLLOWING A STORM DISASTER) WILL BE FULLY
PAID BY AUGUST 30. NOT OTHER LOANS HAVE BEEN MADE
OR PERMITTED.

9. THE EMBASSY WILL DENY CHECK-CASHING PRIVILEGES
TO ANY INDIVIDUAL WHO ISSUES TWO UNCOLLECTIBLE CHECKS
UNTIL IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE INDIVIDUAL CLEARLY
IS NOT AT FAULT. RECENT PROBLEMS WITH UNCOLLECTIBLE
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CHECKS HAVE BEEN RESOLVED.

10. THE E&E PLAN WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE RSO FOR
REVIEW NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30.

B. INSPECTORS' MEMORANDUM NO. 30

1. THE EMBASSY AND RSO ABIDJAN COMPLETED THE
INVESTIGATION OF THE FSL SUSPECTED OF COLLUSION IN

VISA FRAUD. THE EMPLOYEE RESIGNED FOLLOWING THE INVESTIGATION. NO ADMISSION OF COLLUSION WITH THE FSL CONSULAR ASSISTANT IN VISA FRAUD WAS MADE.

2. SCA/VO AND INS HAVE INVESTIGATED IRREGULARITIES WITH I-20S AND FOUND SOME TO BE FRAUDULENT. THE EMBASSY IS MONITORING ALL INCOMING I-20S TO ESTABLISH POSSIBILITIES OF FRAUD.

3. A FILE ON SAMPLE FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS/GENUINE DOCUMENTS SUBJECT TO FRAUD OR COUNTERFEIT IS BEING DONE ON AN INFORMAL BASIS. PROPER FILES WILL BE ESTABLISHED BY SEPTEMBER 30.

4. THE FSL CONSULAR ASSISTANT HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED TO RETIRE WITH THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF OCTOBER 15. A REPLACEMENT PRESENTLY IS BEING TRAINED (FSL).

5. ASSISTANCE IS BEING GIVEN TO THE CONSULAR OFFICER TO ENLARGE HIS RANGE OF LOCAL CONTACTS TO HELP COMBAT VISA FRAUD.
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